

EUGENE V. DEBS IS FREED FROM FEDERAL PRISON

President Commutes Sentence of Debs and 23 Others.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Telegrams were sent out by Attorney General Daugherty today formally advising the various Federal penitentiaries of the Christmas commutation of President Harding of 24 persons convicted of wartime offenses, including Eugene V. Debs, Socialist leader.

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Several of the civilian offenders will be deported to European countries of their native birth. The commutations and pardons were announced personally by President Harding who took the action in accordance with the customs and traditions of his office.

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Rainy Christmas For This Section

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MISS MOORE IS ABLE TO SPEAK

New York, Dec. 24.—Speechless as the result of a fractured skull and other injuries received in an automobile accident thirty-two days ago, Miss Mary Moore, an actress, who was aided recently by Dr. Adolf Lorenz, noted Austrian orthopedic surgeon, spoke today for the first time.

STATE TROOPS SENT TO KENTUCKY TOWN

Newport, Ky., Dec. 24.—State troops detached today in Newport and marched to the "war front," such as has been maintained for the past two weeks by members of the Newport Rolling Mill and striking steel workers.

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PREMIER OF NEW BELGIAN CABINET

Col. Jasper Thuyns, minister of finance in the Wiart cabinet in Belgium, has formed a new cabinet. All parties excepting the Socialists are represented.

SECRET TREATY PROLONGED WAR FOR TWO YEARS

Count Czernin Says Agreement Kept Austria from Making Peace.

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GEORGE ADE READY FOR HARD WINTER



George Ade snapped on the golf links at Pasadena, Cal.

George Ade, one of the men who made Indiana famous and who is noted for his "Fables in Slang," "Sultan of Sulu" and other contributions, has already deserted the regions where wintry winds whistle. He is shown above at Pasadena, Cal.

CHINESE PAPER SEES DANGER TO RACES OF EAST

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Conference Is Expected To Finish Its Work Next Week

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